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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

July 8, 2022

MR. JOHN R. GREENEWALD JR.
SUITE 1203
27305 WEST LIVE OAK ROAD
CASTAIC, CA 91384-4520

FOIPA Request No.: 1427655-000
Subject: BENES, BERNARDO

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed 97 pages of records were determined to be responsive to your subject and were previously processed and released pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Please see the selected paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- ☒ In an effort to provide you with responsive records as expeditiously as possible, we are releasing documents from previous requests regarding your subject. We consider your request fulfilled. Since we relied on previous results, additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may request an additional search for records. Submit your request by mail to **Initial Processing Operations Unit, 200 Constitution Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, or by fax to (540) 868-4997**. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence.
- ☐ Please be advised that additional records responsive to your subject exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you must advise us that you want the additional records processed. Please submit your response within thirty (30) days by mail to **Initial Processing Operations Unit, 200 Constitution Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, or by fax to (540) 868-4997**. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence. **If we do not receive your decision within thirty (30) days of the date of this notification, your request will be closed.**
- ☐ One or more of the enclosed records were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession.

If this release of the previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may file a FOIPA request with NARA at the following address:

National Archives and Records Administration
Special Access and FOIA
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500
College Park, MD 20740-6001

- ☐ Records potentially responsive to your request were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and they were not previously processed pursuant to the FOIA. You may file a request with NARA using the address above.

- ☐ One or more of the enclosed records were destroyed. Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) , Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.
- ☐ Records potentially responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) according to Title 44 United States Code Section 3301, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter 12 Sub-chapter B Part 1228, and 36 CFR 1229.10.
- ☐ Documents or information referred to other Government agencies were not included in this release.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **"Part 1"** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **"Part 2"** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. **"Part 3"** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

Please be advised that if you are seeking a new search for records, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request based on material that you have already received, e.g., timeframe or locality. Additionally, be advised that "unusual circumstances" may apply. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B)(iii). These "unusual circumstances" will delay our ability to make a determination on your request within 20 days. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B). Additionally, the payment of pertinent fees may apply to your request. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(viii). The application of "unusual circumstances" is not a determination of how the FBI will respond to your substantive request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Seidel
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

This is the final release of information responsive to your FOIPA request. This material is being provided to you at no charge.

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Records for Incarcerated Individuals.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any incarcerated individual pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. A standard search normally consists of a search for main files in the Central Records System (CRS), an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include references, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files. For additional information about our record searches, visit www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records.
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.
- (iv) **National Name Check Program (NNCP).** The mission of NNCP is to analyze and report information in response to name check requests received from federal agencies, for the purpose of protecting the United States from foreign and domestic threats to national security. Please be advised that this is a service provided to other federal agencies. Private Citizens cannot request a name check.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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[redacted], OO: MIAMI.

ON NOVEMBER 20, 1978, [redacted]

[redacted] CONTINENTAL NATIONAL BANK OF MIAMI, MIAMI, FLORIDA,
CONTACTED THE MIAMI OFFICE OF THE FBI AND ADVISED THAT ON
NOVEMBER 19, 1978, HE HAD RETURNED TO MIAMI FROM HAVANA, CUBA,
WHERE HE HAD COME CONFERRED WITH HIGH CUBAN OFFICIALS. [redacted]

[redacted] HAS IN THE PAST CONTACTED U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS
AND HAS BEEN MENTIONED AS ONE OF SEVERAL PROMINENT CUBAN
AMERICANS, WHO HAVE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH
THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT.

[redacted] ADVISED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ARRIVAL IN MIAMI, [redacted]

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HOWEVER, BERNARDO BENES WILL BE INTERVIEWED UPON HIS
RETURN FROM HAVANA, CUBA, WHERE HE IS PRESENTLY TAKING PART IN
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SHOULD BE NOTED THAT BERNARDO BENES, IS ANOTHER PROMINENT CUBAN

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AMERICAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE CONTINENTAL NATIONAL BANK OF MIAMI. MR. BENES FREQUENTLY VISITS THE OFFICES OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT AND IS OFTEN IN PERSONAL CONTACT WITH CUBAN PRESIDENT FIDEL CASTRO.

THE MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE ABOVE AND IT HAS BEEN REQUESTED THAT THOSE POLICE AGENCIES CONTACT THEIR INFORMANTS FOR ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION.

MIAMI AT MIAMI, FLORIDA, WILL INTERVIEW DR. BERNARDO BENES UPON HIS RETURN FROM CUBA. 2. WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN COPIES OF COMMUNIQUE THAT WAS MAILED TO THE NEWS MEDIA IN MIAMI, FLORIDA AND WILL SUBMIT THEM TO THE FBI LABORATORY FOR FINGER-PRINT PROCESSING. 3. WILL CONTACT CUBAN SOURCES IN THE MIAMI AREA FOR ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION.

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[redacted] - VICTIM; DR. BERNARDO BENES - VICTIM; [redacted]

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CONTACTED THE MIAMI OFFICE OF THE FBI AND ADVISED THAT ON
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Director, FBI

SAC, Miami (Enclosure)

(FNU) [redacted]

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This communication is classified "~~Secret~~" in its entirety.

[redacted] Enclosed is a copy of self-explanatory memorandum

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Open Preliminary investigation to fully identify subject. (S) (U)

Bernardo Benes and [redacted] are, of course, well-known to your office. (S) (U)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI [redacted] (P)

SUBJECT: [redacted] - VICTIM;
DR. BERNARDO BENES - VICTIM;

[redacted] - VICTIM;
EL CONDOR:

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Re Miami teletype to Bureau, 11/21/78.

Enclosed for the Identification Division, Latent
Fingerprint Section, are the following:

- (1) A typewritten note received from [redacted]
[redacted] on 11/24/78.
- (2) A typewritten note received from [redacted]
on 11/24/78.

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The enclosed notes were received by the editors of
the Latin newspapers "Expreso" and "La Nacion" on 11/14/78, and
are signed by El Condor.

The notes contain a threat against the lives of
[redacted] BERNARDO BENES and [redacted] and
BENES frequently visit the offices of the U.S. State Department
and are in close contact with Cuban President FIDEL CASTRO
concerning the release of prisoners from Cuban jails and their
subsequent entry into the United States

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TO: *BW/AA* DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: *BW/AA* SAC, MIAMI [redacted] (S) (U)

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SUBJECT: [redacted] - VICTIM;
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Re Miami teletype to Bureau, 11/21/78; Miami airtel to Bureau, 11/30/78, and report of FBI Laboratory, Latent Fingerprint Section, Identification Division, 12/22/78.

This investigation is predicated on information received on 11/20/78, from [redacted] Continental National Bank of Miami, Florida, who advised that on 11/19/78, he had learned that a typewritten note signed by El Condor had been either mailed or delivered to several Latin newspapers located in the Miami area.

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The note contained a threat against the lives of [redacted] BENES and [redacted] and accused them of playing an important role in the negotiations with Cuban officials aimed at re-establishing full diplomatic and economic relations between the U.S. and Cuba.

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WHO WORKS FOR [REDACTED] SAID HE RECEIVED
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KILLED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BOTH OF WHOM WERE SEEN IN PUERTO RICO JUST
PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION. [REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED
BY SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI UPON HIS RETURN TO MIAMI FROM
[REDACTED] HE DENIED HAVING TRAVELED TO PUERTO RICO AND
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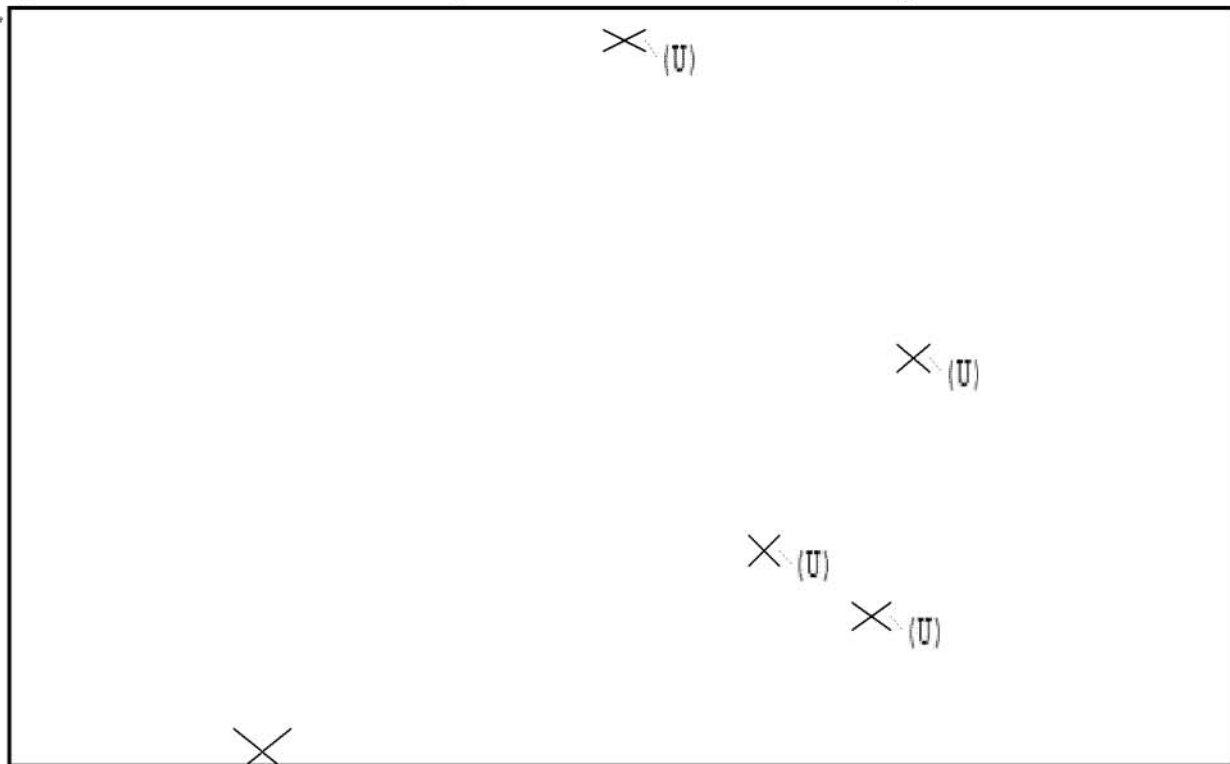
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[REDACTED] VICTIM; EL CONDO [REDACTED]

OO: MIAMI.

ON NOVEMBER 20, 1978, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CONTINENTAL NATIONAL BANK OF MIAMI, MIAMI, FLORIDA, CONTACTED THE MIAMI OFFICE OF THE FBI AND ADVISED THAT ON NOVEMBER 19, 1978, HE HAD RETURNED TO MIAMI FROM HAVANA, CUBA, WHERE HE HAD COME CONFERRED WITH HIGH CUBAN OFFICIALS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS IN THE PAST CONTACTED U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND HAS BEEN MENTIONED AS ONE OF SEVERAL PROMINENT CUBAN AMERICANS, WHO HAVE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ARRIVAL IN MIAMI,

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THE MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE ABOVE AND IT HAS BEEN REQUESTED THAT THOSE POLICE AGENCIES CONTACT THEIR INFORMANTS FOR ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION.

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A los efectos de que la opinion publica conozca la verdad sobre la maniobra comunista puesta en ejecucion por el Dictador Castro damos a conocer los nombres de los verdaderos traidores a fin de que el exilio castigue a los mismos con un gran boicot. Independientemente nosotros le aplicaremos la "justicia revolucionaria".:

I) Carlos Dascal : Propietario del Banco Continental Cubano y financista de las "actividades" de Mr. Benes. Dascal que gusta mucho del dinero proyecta comerciar a traves del Banco con la dictadura cubana. En el colmo de su arrogancia despidio al presidente del Banco Sr. Jorge Martinez por oponerse a la traicion. A CASTIGARLO RETIRANDO LAS CUENTAS DEL BANCO CUYO PROPIETARIO ES UN TRAIADOR!!

II) Bernardo Benes: Funcionario del Banco de Dascal y Dirigente del Partido Demócrata en Miami. Benes ha estado en contacto con el gobierno cubano por espacio de 2 anos. Ha viajado secretamente a Cuba varias veces cosa que nego publicamente cuando hace meses hicimos un comunicado y entrevista con Tomas regalado la desmintio. AHORAS SE COMPRUEBA QUE ES UN MENTIROSO. BENES HA ESTADO CON EL G-2 CUBANO EN PANAMA ARREGLANDO LA COMERCIALIZACION DE PIEZAS DE CAMIONES, AUTOMOVILES Y DEL MARISCO CUBANO.....Que lo niegue si puede para denunciarlo mencionando los nombres de los funcionarios del gobierno cubano y panamenos que intervinieron en el negocio. A CASTIGARLO VOTANDO EN CONTRA DE TODOS LOS AMIGOS Y CANDIDATOS QUE EL "COLORADO" BENES APOYE !!

III) Max Lesnik : Dueno de las publicaciones Replica, la cueya de muchos espías y agentes de Castro. Lesnik se ha entrevistado con funcionarios del gobierno cubano en varias oportunidades. Fue invitado a ir a Cuba cuando la entrevista de prensa pero le faltaron "pantalones". Lesnik es la persona que ha dirigido todo el proceso "manejando" al imbecil de Benes. (preguntenselo a Justo Carrillo?) Lesnik es la persona que dirige la campana que traza Cuba. Lesnik es un traidor como Judas. Se vendio por unas pesetas de plata y por su odio al exilio. A CASTIGARLO:QUE NADIE COMPRE SUS REVISTAS. SI QUIERE HACER DINERO QUE SE VAYA PARA CUBA Y ALLI EDITE SU REVISTA !!!

A BOICOTEAR A ESTOS TRAIADORES!!!

NOSOTROS LE APLICAREMOS LA JUSTICIA REVOLUCIONARIA EN SU OPORTUNIDAD.....LOS CEMENTERIOS SON GRANDES Y LA PACIENCIA SE NOS TERMINO!!

EL CONDOR ***

CS: Miami Herald
Miami News
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ACLARACION NECESARIA DE EL CONDOR

A los efectos de que la opinión pública conozca la verdad sobre la maniobra comunista puesta en ejecución por el Dictador Castro damos a conocer los nombres de los verdaderos traidores a fin de que el exilio castigue a los mismos con un gran boicot. Independientemente nosotros le aplicaremos la "justicia revolucionaria".

1) Carlos Dascal: Propietario del Banco Continental Cubano y financista de las "actividades" de Mr. Benes. Dascal que gusta mucho del dinero, proyecta comerciar a través del Banco con la dictadura cubana. En el colmo de su arrogancia, despidió al presidente del Banco, Sr. Jorge Martínez, por oponerse a la traición.

A CASTIGARLO RETIRANDO LAS CUENTAS DEL BANCO CUYO PROPIETARIO ES UN TRAI-DOR.

2) Bernardo Benes. Funcionario del Banco de Dascal y Dirigente del Partido Demócrata en Miami. Benes ha estado en contacto con el gobierno cubano por espacio de 2 años. Ha viajado secretamente a Cuba varias veces, cosa que negó públicamente cuando hace meses hicimos un comunicado y entrevista con Tomás Regalado, la desmintió. AHORA SE COM-PRUEBA QUE ES UN MENTIROSO. BENES HA ESTADO CON EL G-2 CU-BANO EN PANAMA ARREGLANDO LA CO-MERCIALIZACION DE PIEZAS DE CAMIONES, AUTOMOVILES y DEL MARISCO CUBANO . . .

Que lo niegue, si puede para denunciarlo mencionando los nombres de los funcionarios del gobierno cubano y panameño que intervinieron en el negocio.

A CASTIGARLO VO-TANDO EN CONTRA DE TODOS LOS AMIGOS Y CANDIDATOS QUE EL "COLORADO" BENES APOYE.

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Grupo secreto produce amenaza

Por correos han recibido un documento los periódicos norteamericanos Miami Herald y Miami News, la UPI; las emisoras de radio WQBA; WRHC; Ocean Radio y los periódicos Expreso, La Verdad, Universal, Patria y LA NACION, firmado por "EL CONDOR".

El documento condena las maniobras comunistas puestas en ejecución por Castro y señala, quienes —a su juicio— son los traidores a los que "El Cóndor" le aplicará la justicia.

Y entre esos nombres menciona a Carlos Dascal, propietario del Banco Continental Cubano, que dice el documento financia las actividades de Benes; señalan a Bernardo Benes, funcionario del Banco Continental, acusándolo de querer comerciar con la tira-

nía castrista y por último acusan al señor Max Lesnick, dueño de las publicaciones "Réplica" de estarse entrevistando con funcionarios del gobierno de Castro y estar dirigiendo todo este proceso.

Y termina el documento de "EL CONDOR" con estas frases:

A boycotear a estos traidores.

Nosotros le aplicaremos la justicia revolucionaria en su oportunidad. Los Cementerios son grandes y la paciencia se nos terminó.

Hemos tratado de obtener alguna declaración de las personas a que se refiere "El Cóndor", expresarles el contenido de sus declaraciones para conocer sus reacciones al respecto, pero nos ha sido poco menos que imposible lograr contacto.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI [] (P)

SUBJECT: [] - VICTIM;
DR. BERNARDO BENES - VICTIM;
[] - VICTIM;
EL CONDOR;

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Re Miami teletype to Bureau, 11/21/78.

Enclosed for the Identification Division, Latent
Fingerprint Section, are the following:

- (1) A typewritten note received from []
[] on 11/24/78.
- (2) A typewritten note received from []
on 11/24/78.

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The enclosed notes were received by the editors of
the Latin newspapers "Expreso" and "La Nacion" on 11/14/78, and
are signed by El Condor.

The notes contain a threat against the lives of
[] BERNARDO BENES and [] and
BENES frequently visit the offices of the U.S. State Department
and are in close contact with Cuban President FIDEL CASTRO
concerning the release of prisoners from Cuban jails and their
subsequent entry into the United States.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI [] (P)

DATE: 1/12/79

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FROM : SA []

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Re Miami teletype to the Bureau, 11/21/78.

On November 24, 1978, []
El Expreso, 1393 S.W. 1st Street, Miami, Florida, was
contacted in connection with a note that [] had
previously received and which made several threatening
statements against [] BERNARDO BENES and []
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During the course of the interview which was
conducted by the writer and SA []
[] expressed concern over the fact that in the
November 17, 1978 issue of El Expreso, he had published the
above mentioned note and that this particular issue might
incite ~~insight~~ members of the Cuban community of Miami to violence.
[] then advised the interviewing Agents that he
would be willing to withhold publication of a forthcoming
article dealing with BERNARDO BENES, which explains the
fact that BENES' [] is a communist.

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[] was advised by SA [] that the FBI
could not tell him what articles should be withheld from
publication because it would violate his first amendment
rights to freely publish materials in his newspaper.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI [REDACTED] (C) (U)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] - VICTIM;
DR. BERNARDO BENES - VICTIM;
[REDACTED] - VICTIM;
EL CONDOR
[REDACTED]
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Re Miami teletype to Bureau, 11/21/78; Miami airtel to Bureau, 11/30/78, and report of FBI Laboratory, Latent Fingerprint Section, Identification Division, 12/22/78.

This investigation is predicated on information received on 11/20/78, from [REDACTED] Continental National Bank of Miami, Florida, who advised that on 11/19/78, he had learned that a typewritten note signed by El Condor had been either mailed or delivered to several Latin newspapers located in the Miami area.

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The note contained a threat against the lives of [REDACTED] BENES and [REDACTED] and accused them of playing an important role in the negotiations with Cuban officials aimed at re-establishing full diplomatic and economic relations between the U.S. and Cuba.

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During the past year and up to the present time Dr. BENES has traveled to Cuba on frequent occasions in order to meet with Cuban officials regarding the release of several thousand Cuban political prisoners who are still held in Cuban jails. His name has been frequently mentioned in Cuban newspapers published in the Miami area as well as on television broadcasts concerning the resumption of diplomatic relations between the United States and Cuba. [REDACTED] has also played a similarly important role in the efforts of normalizing relations with Cuba. [REDACTED] is a close associate of both [REDACTED] and Dr. BENES. He is also a vocal Cuban exile figure and at times a controversial one because of the viewpoints expressed in his newspaper, "Replica".

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It should be noted that all 3 victims, [REDACTED] BENES and [REDACTED] have been interviewed regarding this threat without any positive leads resulting.

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Interviews have also been conducted of [REDACTED] "La Nacion", a Cuban weekly newspaper located at 1401 S.W. 1st Street, Miami, Florida. One of the notes signed by El Condor was sent to this newspaper and interview [REDACTED] did not develop any positive information concerning the identity of the individual(s) who may have sent this note. Likewise, interview of [REDACTED] "El Expreso", a Cuban weekly newspaper located at 1393 S.W. 1st Street, Suite 400, Miami, Florida, concerning the identity of the person(s) who may have mailed one of the typewritten notes signed by El Condor did not reveal any positive information.

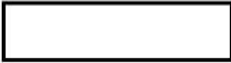
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It should also be noted that several of the communiques signed by El Condor were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory, Latent Fingerprint Section, for comparison with fingerprints of several prominent anti-Castro figures from the Miami area. The fingerprints developed by the Latent Fingerprint Section were not identical with any of the individuals who had been mentioned in the list of possible suspects.

Several Miami sources who are knowledgeable of Miami's Cuban community, including [REDACTED] were contacted during January, February and March, 1979, regarding this threat with negative results.

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In view of the fact that all logical investigation has been conducted and no suspects developed, Miami will place this matter in closed status.

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COORDINATION OF UNITED REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS (CORU)

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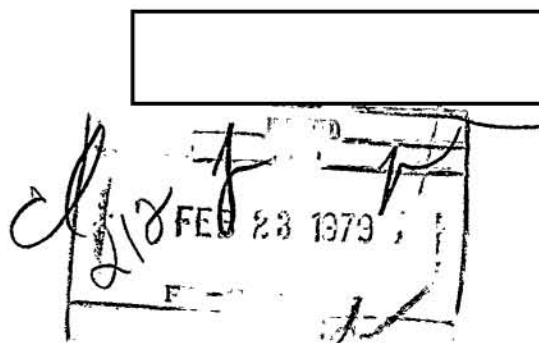
ON FEBRUARY 19, 1979, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS
FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BEBO ACOSTA, CORU MEMBER AT MIAMI, FLA. THAT

[REDACTED] ADVISED

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THAT HE FAVORS STRONG ACTION AGAINST CUBAN EXILES IN THE U.S.
WHO DEAL WITH THE FIDEL CASTRO GOVT. TO INCLUDE NECESSARY
ACTION TO DISCOURAGE SUCH ACTIVITIES. [REDACTED] MENTIONED DR.
BERNARDO BENES, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THOSE WHO ARE TOO COOPERATIVE
WITH THE CUBAN COMMUNIST GOVT.

ON FEBRUARY 23, 1979, THE SAME CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE
STATED [REDACTED] BEBO ACOSTA THAT DR. CARLOS
DOMINICIS, HEAD OF CORU NORTH [REDACTED]

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THE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE DID NOT
KNOW THE PURPOSE OF [REDACTED]
BUT FEELS HE WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH HIM IN CONNECTION
WITH CORU ACTIVITIES.

IN ADDITION, THE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE [REDACTED]
BEBO ACOSTA THAT [REDACTED] REV. MOON ORGANIZATION

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[] indicated that military actions may be necessary at Tampa in view of information received by CORU members that an airline or airlines may initiate flights from Tampa to Cuba and also that shipping companies in Tampa may be starting operations between Tampa and Cuba. (S) (U)

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[] did not indicate when such actions would be taken. (S) (U)

In February, 1979, MM T-3 advised that he learned that [] favors strong action against Cuban exiles in the United States who deal with the FIDEL CASTRO Government to discourage such activities. [] Dr. BERNARDO BENES, [] and Reverend MANUEL ESPINOSA, all of Miami, Florida, as examples of those who are too cooperative with the Cuban Communist Government. (C) (U)

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In addition, MM T-3 learned that []

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MM T-3 stated he understands the purpose of the meeting is to []

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In February, 1979, MM T-3 advised that []

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MM T-4 advised in February, 1979, that a number of Cuban exiles in the Miami, Florida area have anti-FBI feelings. These individuals are stating that they have suffered because of U.S. policies towards Cuba. These individuals appear to be very upset about the []

[] the ORLANDO LETELIER bombing murder case.

In addition, the source advised that he has learned that []

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MM T-3 heard that [redacted]

[redacted] CORU's capacity to carry out anti-Castro missions outside of South America. [redacted]

[redacted] CORU to perform certain anti-Communist acts in other countries. (S) (U)

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[redacted] the Unification Church members carry a bible in their right hand and a rifle in the left hand. (S) (U)

[redacted] that he is in favor of CORU operating as the military arm of the Cuban exile anti-communist movement. (S) (U)

In March, 1979, MM T-5 advised that [redacted]

[redacted] as a result of a direct battle confrontation with Cuban military elements in Havana, Cuba, Harbor, in the mid-1960s), has been active in conversations with the Catholic Hierarchy in Miami as well as Cuban-oriented elements in Miami. Specifically, in the Catholic circle, [redacted] has been meeting with [redacted] (Miami) [redacted] (Miami), and [redacted]

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The activity has been oriented towards preserving a non-violent posture within the various Cuban exile communities and specifically towards those groups which some Cuban exiles consider pro-CASTRO. (S) (U)

[redacted] to some elements interested in Cuban exile matters that he and other exiles consider as pro-CASTRO those groups of people who show an apparent sympathetic demeanor towards those stances taken by FIDEL CASTRO's Government (Cuba) and which directly affect Cuban political prisoners and the Cuban exile community. [redacted]

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[redacted] the "Commission of 75". (S) (U)

The "Commission of 75" is composed of Cuban exile leaders under the direction of [redacted] Miami, [redacted] BERNARDO BENES and others who have had "dialogue" with the Government of Cuba concerning release of political prisoners. (S) (U)

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COORDINATION OF UNITED REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS (CORU),

[redacted] (ANTI-CASTRO), OO: MIAMI.

ON JANUARY 29, 1980, [redacted] ADVISED HE HAD LEARNED THAT

[redacted] BY ORLANDO BEBO ACOSTA AND [redacted]

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SOURCE ALSO LEARNED THAT [REDACTED] ORLANDO
BEBE ACOSTA, DR. CARLOS DOMINICIS AND (FNU) [REDACTED] (PHONETIC)
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DR. ORLANDO BOSCH IS EXPECTED TO
BE RELEASED FROM PRISON IN VENEZUELA IF A COUNTRY AGREEABLE TO
ACCEPTING HIM CAN BE FOUND. [REDACTED] GERMANY WOULD
PROBABLY ACCEPT BOSCH BUT HE IS INTERESTED IN SETTLING ONLY IN
THE CARIBBEAN AREA.

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SOURCE HAS ALSO LEARNED [REDACTED] ORLANDO
BEBE ACOSTA AND DR. CARLOS DOMINICIS THAT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DOMINICIS
SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IN ADDITION, DOMINICIS
SAID THAT [REDACTED]
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SOURCE STATED THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE OVERALL PLAN OF CORU IS TO CONTINUE
DISRUPTIVE VIOLENT ACTIONS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY ARE
CONTINUING TO FORCIBLY RESIST THE CUBAN COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT AND
THE SOVIET UNION.

BOTH [REDACTED] DR. BERNARDO BENES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN ADDITION, THE MIAMI POLICE
DEPARTMENT AND DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN
ADVISED.

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THREAT TO [REDACTED]

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In early December, 1978, MM T-3 learned [redacted]
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of FIDEL CASTRO. MM T-3 said he has learned that [redacted]
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TO : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr. *ADJ*

DATE: 3/16/67

FROM : S. J. Papich *SJP*

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Reference is made to the enclosed UPI news
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ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the
attention of the Latin American Section.

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- 1 - Mr. Wannall (Nasca)
 - 1 - Liaison
 - 1 - Mr. Papich
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WASHINGTON--THE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE ANNOUNCED
 IT WILL HEAR TESTIMONY

SEN. THOMA J. DODD, D-CONN., SUBCOMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN, WILL
 PRESIDE OVER THE HEARING. HE SAID IT IS DESIGNED TO BRING THE
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: March 23, 1967

FROM : W. R. Wannall

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY - SENATE INTERNAL
SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE (SISS)

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Wannall
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Hearings held 3/7 and 8/67 before Subcommittee to Investigate Administration of Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws of Committee on Judiciary subject of which is "Communist Threat to U. S. Through the Caribbean." Summary of testimony follows:

[redacted] Florida, and U. S. [redacted] zen. [redacted]

[redacted] Citizen's Committee for Free Cuba, an anti-Castro organization established April, 1963, to fight communism in Cuba and Latin America.

Furnished information relative to Russian military activities in Cuba; arming of that country particularly with missiles; and control of Cuba by Russia and Cuban Communist Party with Castro's cooperation. [redacted]

groups seeking independence from Puerto Rico. [redacted] said Cuba has financially supported these groups. [redacted]

[redacted] We are making inquiry to identify Cuban refugees who [redacted] advised are aware of [redacted] activities.

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Memorandum Wannall to Sullivan
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[redacted] Florida, arriving U. S.
December, 1966, from Cuba. Although anti-Castro, because of

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[redacted] former Cuban official. Testified re missiles in Cuba and Cuban subversive activities in Latin America. Gave non-specific testimony concerning "bolita," a numbers game, proceeds of which allegedly support Castro activities in this country. He was unable to identify individuals involved. Playing of "bolita" widespread in Cuba, Puerto Rico, and U. S., among individuals of Latin-American extraction. Under criminal intelligence program, we develop information re various aspects of "bolita," particularly of violations, federal anti-gambling statutes.

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[redacted] and former [redacted]
[redacted] Testified re effect of Cuban subversive offensive in Latin America. Previous [redacted] closed in 1961, developed no information he was in violation of U. S. laws. Cooperative when interviewed re Cuban matters.

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Dr. Bernardo Benes -- Resides Miami Beach, Florida, and is Vice President of a major savings and loan association, Miami. Discussed poor economic situation in Latin America engendered by communist takeover in Cuba.

[redacted] Florida, [redacted] National/Christian Movement (NCM), militant anti-Castro group, with political headquarters Miami, members in Cuba, and branches in other Latin-American countries. NCM's objective is to cause Castro's downfall. Testified re military developments in Cuba, communist subversion of Latin America, and Russian and Soviet-bloc direction of same. We have interviewed [redacted] Pertinent data regarding him and NCM received high-level dissemination.

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August 30, 1977
Miami, Florida

Source reported that he has learned from "street" sources of his that Dr. BERNARDO BENES and one [redacted] met in Panama with [redacted] (member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party Cuba). Reportedly, they met from July 25 - 28, 1977. Source said BENES is a Miami banker and [redacted]

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Source stated that he would attempt to determine if the above is fact and advise.

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① NATIONAL SOCIALIST LEAGUE
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Enclosed for the Bureau and Los Angeles is one copy each of a self explanatory letter and envelope received by Miami Mayor MAURICE FERRE and Dr. BERNARDO BENES. Also enclosed is one copy each of a letter from [redacted], Miami Beach Police Department, forwarding the BENES letter and providing some investigative information. The FERRE letter was delivered to the SAC by a personal representative of Mayor FERRE.

Mayor FERRE is disturbed by the contents of the letter which he feels is threatening in nature. He has requested to be advised of the progress of the investigation.

Miami indices negative regarding National Socialist League, [redacted] Miami indices contain numerous references to Dr. BERNARDO BENES, Vice President, Washington Federal Savings and Loan Association; however, no main files.

On 7/5/74, [redacted] and advised as follows:

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"Rumor in the Cuban colony in Miami, Florida indicated that [REDACTED]

emerging as the leader of the more violent terrorist groups in Miami and is reported to be paying out as much as \$5,000.00 per month for protection from prosecution by the local authorities. Allies in this respect are [redacted] and banker BERNARDO BENES."

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

(1) Will provide Miami with summary of information concerning National Socialist League. [redacted]
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(2) Will contact U. S. Attorney to obtain opinion of prosecutive merits of this case.

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City of Miami Beach

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"VACATIONLAND U.S.A."



POLICE DEPARTMENT
ROCKY POMERANCE
CHIEF

120 MERIDIAN AVENUE
TELEPHONE: 673-7935

June 12, 1975



Federal Bureau of Investigation
P.O. Box 592418
AMF Miami International Airport
Miami, Fla. 33159

Attention: Agent [redacted]

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a piece of literature received by Dr. Bernardo Benes of 1666 Bay Drive, Miami Beach, Florida. Dr. Benes has received threats against his life in the recent past.

This literature carried a return address of P.O. Box [redacted] Los Angeles, California. 20026. It has been determined that the P.O. box was leased to [redacted] on January 21, 1974. [redacted] listed his address at that time as [redacted] California. [redacted] gave his telephone number as [redacted] and gave a U.S. Passport [redacted] as identification and listed [redacted] Also listed as eligible to receive mail at this P.O. box is [redacted]

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Please determine if there are any Federal violations involved in the sending of this literature through the U.S. mails. Address any response to Lt. [redacted] Miami Beach Police Department, 120 Meridian Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, 33139, reference our complaint number 403721.

Please be assured of our continued desire to cooperate in all matters of mutual interest.

Sin [redacted]

LT. [redacted]

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HENRY KISSINGER, OUR LORD

ANTI-STRANGE
OF MAMA

IN MIAMI :

BERNARDO BENES (Overall control; absolute)
helped by:

MAYOR MAURICE FERRE
hus: Rebose & Rafael Villaverde

MAX LESNIK (Replica)
- Jorge Gutierrez & Salvador Torroella

BISHOP (Carroll) COLEMAN (R-C)
ers Ricardo Castellanos & Jose P. Nickse

ROLANDO MASFERRER (Libertad)
- Luis Tornes & Roberto Weimberg

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: drugs control & homosexual induction

: police & gang control

"christian" names are still functional: keep them, IT WON'T BE LONG !

HELL! OUR CIRCUMSIZED COCKS!!

DEATH TO ALL FASCIST PIGS !!

DO NOT FEAR: THE WORLD WILL BE OURS! *

SION WILL REIGN !!!

TOVARICH: READ LEARN & DESTROY THIS! I DO NOT LET ANY GO!M EVEN SEE IT!!!

POPE PAUL VI (ROME)

FIDEL CASTRO RUIZ (CUBA)

Bombing rips bank in Miami

By MARY VOBORIL
And SANDRA DIBBLE
Herald Staff Writers

A powerful pipe bomb exploded outside the Continental National Bank office at 1801 SW First St. in Little Havana Friday night. One of the officers of the bank is a Cuban-American whose political activities have angered many Miami Cubans.

One police officer was slightly injured in the explosion, which occurred at 10:57 p.m., but he refused treatment. Miami fire officials also said two civilians were transported to Jackson Memorial Medical Center with minor injuries caused by the blast.

A man with a thick Spanish accent called The Miami Herald at about 11:15 p.m. Friday and said the terrorist anti-Castro group Omega 7 was responsible for the bombing.

Before the blast, Nelson Hoag, a reporter for the Spanish-language radio station W/RHC, was called at his home by a person who said a bomb would go off at the bank.

The bank's vice chairman is Bernardo Benes, a Cuban-American banker who has angered some Miami Cubans in the past by helping initiate talks with Fidel Castro in 1978.

Those talks led to the release of more than 3,000 political prisoners and high-level diplomatic discussions between the United States and Cuba.

According to police information officer Juan Santos, police were notified at 10:50 p.m. of smoke coming from the west side of the bank. Fire department units responded and found the cylinder bomb, which went off shortly after.

Santos said the bomb apparently was left under a tree near

with Castro, which eventually led to the release of thousands of political prisoners from Cuban jails and visits to Cuba by exiles now living in the United States.

His work in helping develop the "dialogue" with Castro won him enemies as well as friends. In 1980, Hialeah pastor Manuel Espinosa began naming Benes as one

co and Firearms — also were called to the scene.

"It was just awful," said Dorothy Morwell, who heard the explosion from inside her house, a block away from the bank.

"I was out of the kitchen and it shook the house. Now I'm all shook," she said minutes after the blast.

Benes provoked controversy when he helped initiate the talks

extensive," said Santos.

The bomb site was cordoned off for several blocks in all directions, holding back small groups of onlookers.

There were initial reports that a police squad had been at the bank since 8 p.m. trying to dismantle a bomb, but that could not be confirmed.

Two federal agencies — the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco

two-story bank, with the force of its blast aimed at the building.

Police said the explosion caused some structural damage, primarily to the windows and ceilings.

The explosion apparently blew out the windows of Martha's Beauty Salon, across the street from the bank building, and jalousie windows as far as a block away were shattered by the blast.

"You could say damage is very

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Caller claims Omega 7— planted Continental bomb

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group of Miami Latins working as Castro agents in South Florida. The FBI later said that some radical Latins even planned to kill Benes in the wake of the allegations.

Subsequently, Benes received several threats and was given local police protection. Miami FBI officials publicly declared that Benes had provided valuable assistance to the U.S. government.

Benes has lived on Miami Beach with his wife and three children for 22 years and serves as vice chairman of the board at Continental Bank.

In February he was elected to the board of directors of the 103-year-old Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, an agency that helped resettle Cuban refugees during the 1980 Mariel boatlift.

The bank's vice chairman is Bernardo Benes, a Cuban-American banker who has angered some Miami Cubans in the past by helping initiate talks with Fidel Castro in 1978.

Born in Cuba, Benes' connections with Latin American leaders have earned him the nickname of the Cuban Henry Kissinger.

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New Cuban lobby still seeking focus

By LIZ BALMASEDA
Herald Staff Writer

When former President Jimmy Carter visited Miami in January en route to Latin America, he sought out Cuban exiles. Carter was hoping to meet with Fidel Castro at the inauguration of Venezuela's new president and, before going, he wanted to hear what exiles had to say.

The Miami Cubans gave Carter conflicting advice. Leaders of the powerful Cuban American National Foundation dominated the conversation, urging a hard-line stance against Cuba. Two Cuban American liberals present at the meeting, banker Pedro Ramon Lopez and attorney Alfredo Duran, were embar-

rassed. They contended that foundation leader Jorge Mas Canosa did not speak for them.

That meeting was pivotal: For Lopez and Duran it capped months of plotting to form a foundation of their

own, a group that would bring together powerful, well-connected exiles who would project a more moderate voice on Cuba and Cuban American issues.

Last week, their effort became

public: A dozen Miami Cuban Americans, including several millionaires and political power brokers, openly said they have embarked on an unprecedented mission to rattle the powers of Havana and Miami.



Lopez

For Pedro Ramon Lopez and Alfredo Duran, a meeting in Miami between exiles and former President Jimmy Carter that was dominated by hard-liners was embarrassing — and pivotal in forming a group of powerful exiles who would project a more moderate voice.



Duran

Buoyed by liberal contacts in Washington, members of the Cuban Council for Democracy say they want to challenge Fidel Castro's control in Cuba — and the conservative foundation's hold in exile.

"We want Miami to breathe an air of freedom. We want an end to the fear of reprisal for expressing liberal points of view," says banker Lopez.

The council includes longtime political activists such as Duran, former state Democratic Party chairman, and banker Raul Masvidal, a Bay of Pigs veteran and one of five Cuban exiles who belong to Miami's

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Miami-Dade Community College Vice President Eduardo Padron is a member, as are influential businessmen Manny Medina, the Coconut Grove developer, and urban planner Jorge Perez.

The council's twelve founders are longtime friends and political kindred spirits, who for years have huddled in their homes and executive suites to discuss alternative exile politics.

In a community long perceived as hard-line, right-wing Republican, theirs have been dissonant voices: The way to harm Castro, some council members say, is to open relations between the United States and Cuba.

Political analysts say the council harbors the money, profile and influence needed to tip the scales of power within Cuban Miami.

"In American politics — fortunately or unfortunately — money is crucial. This group will have to put its money where its rhetoric is," says Washington-based political analyst Sergio Bendixen.

But before that can happen, more preliminary matters must be settled. Group members, who on Wednesday reserved the council's name for incorporation with the Florida secretary of state's office, have not yet named an executive director, formed a political action committee or appointed lobbyists. They haven't reached a consensus or stated a formal policy on key Cuban issues — U.S. relations with the Castro government or loosening the U.S. embargo against Cuba.

In fact, one member, Raul Masvidal, says he agrees with President Bush on how to deal with Cuba — negotiate with Castro only if he respects human rights and allows a democratization process to begin.

"It strikes me as puzzling that a Cuban American group can form itself without a concurrent policy decision on how they feel vis-a-vis normalization with Castro," says Jackie

they are more about us than they are about Cuba, then what are they all about?"

But council members and their supporters say they stand for pluralism in a community where few have dared to speak up against the foundation's proven power.

"This is very healthy. I'm surprised this wasn't formed 10 years ago," says liberal banker Bernardo Beres.

Most council members also belong to a more liberal faction that recently won control of the Cuban Museum of Art and Culture, an exile institution rocked by political infighting last year over whether to exhibit works produced in Cuba after the revolution.

In fact, critics call the council the "M&Ms," for "El Museo y Masvidal," the Cuban Museum crowd plus Masvidal, one of two members not linked to the Little Havana museum.

Encyclopedia publisher Ramon Cernuda, a museum director and a key council member, has said the museum was the perfect forum to broadcast a more liberal political tendency.

Banker Lopez, also a museum director, says the battle over the museum was the first step in producing "substantial changes in this Cuban exile community."

professionals, women and black Cuban Americans."

But before they formed the council, the twelve were individuals recognized for their successful personal ventures. Cernuda is the spokesman for jailed Cuban human rights activist Elizardo Sanchez. Developers Manny Medina and Jorge Perez have long been stuffing their dollars into national Democratic campaigns, including those of Ted Kennedy, Walter Mondale and Gary Hart.

Council members say they have already discussed the issue of human rights in Cuba with several U.S. congressmen — Florida Democrats Bill Nelson, Bill Richardson and Dante Fascell — and with Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez and Guatemalan President Vinicio Cerezo.

Unlike the foundation, which stipulates a \$10,000 membership fee for its directors, the council will ask members to donate "what they wish," says key member Teresa Saldise, an attorney and president of the Cuban Museum.

Developer Jorge Perez promises that the council will wield a "great deal of financial power."

One Washington veteran challenges the council's real power.

"There is a misunderstanding in South Florida that in order to have Freedom House and former executive director of the foundation.

Miami Mayor Xavier Suarez, a foundation friend, believes the council has undertaken an enormous task.

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Synopsis:

On Friday the 13th of June 1980, this writer along with Investigator [redacted] interviewed [redacted]

[redacted] the terrorist organization known as "OMPA 7", which since early 1979 has been responsible for several terrorist acts within the Continental United States.

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Details:

[redacted] is political activist organizations since [redacted]

[redacted] due to his involvement in political youth movements.

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Between [redacted] was an active member of several activist organizations, and from [redacted]

[redacted] as a result of [redacted] involvement with this group and its out spokenness towards the Batista Regime, [redacted] with Batista's policemen. [redacted]

[redacted] As a result of the [redacted] and never fully regained [redacted] was charged with [redacted]

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[redacted] released by the Castro takeover. Shortly after being released, through friends and associates, [redacted]

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[redacted] explained after identifying the above people, that his knowledge was limited to primarily conversations [redacted]

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[redacted] was then interviewed for specific information on [redacted]
[redacted] he might have first hand knowledge in.

Benes' Assassination Attempt:

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[redacted] He explained that [redacted]
[redacted] banker Bernardo Benes, and that [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed at the office of Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] Southern District of New York (SDNY), New York City (NYC). [redacted] was interviewed in the Spanish and English languages and also present in addition to law enforcement personnel was [redacted], Certified Court Interpreter, United States District Court, New York (NY). [redacted] stated that he was voluntarily providing the following information with no threats or promises made by the interviewing law enforcement personnel. [redacted] provided the following information in addition to information previously furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and local authorities:

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and is [redacted] Miami, Florida, is known as [redacted]

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Relative to the plot to bomb the Cuban Mission to the United Nations, NYC, [redacted], the following:

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[redacted] It was decided that [redacted] within the next couple of days, in view of the fact that [redacted] welcomed in view of the fact that he was [redacted]

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In addition to the above, [redacted] In essence, the travel of [redacted] would serve a dual purpose.

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Detective [redacted] LEW/jlc

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Subsequently, [redacted]
[redacted] and eventually returned back to the house.
[redacted] believes the date was on or about [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] at that time that they have to awaken
and go see [redacted] regarding a problem.

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] was present because [redacted]
to a plot to assassinate BERNARDO BENES.

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At [redacted] words
to the effect of how things were going, wherein [redacted]
[redacted] stated
that he had [redacted]
[redacted]

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stated that they were lacking the personnel [redacted]
[redacted]

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Subsequently, [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] the Cuban Mission to the United Nations, NYC.

In addition to the above, [redacted] made available
his address book to Special Agent (SA) [redacted] wherein the address
book was Xeroxed and preserved for evidentiary value.

In addition to the above information, [redacted] stated
that subsequent to the homicide which [redacted]
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[redacted] overheard
the conversation, wherein [redacted] words to the

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT:

Omega 7

DATE OF REPORT:
12-8-80

SOURCE:

Writer #1

Writer #2

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SYNOPSIS/NARRATIVE:

The following is a synopsis of the ongoing investigation of Omega 7 by the below listed departments and agencies:

New York City, Newark and Miami F.B.I. offices; New Jersey State Police; and Elizabeth (New Jersey) and Miami Police Departments.

Since late February (1980) these writers have been developing information from several sources with respect to the terrorist activities of the Cuban activist organizations that function with or support Omega 7.

The information developed has become instrumental in supporting a

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That effort resulted in a Terrorist Task Force created by the New York City F.B.I. Office, with the assistance of the Newark and Miami F.B.I. Offices.

The following sequence of events led to these writers providing assistance to the Task Force and the New Jersey State Police:

On or about February 14, 1980, writer #2 was requested by the Miami Police Homicide Office to assist in the interview of two Latin males arrested on homicide charges. This writer was introduced to the suspects, [redacted] and [redacted] by Investigator [redacted] of the Homicide Unit. Investigator [redacted] requested I advise the suspect of the Miranda Rights and also that I assist in translating and taking a sworn statement from the suspects. Subject

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[redacted] refused to give a statement and this writer had no further contact with him. This writer did translate a sworn statement with subject [redacted] and as a result developed a professional rapport.

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It should be noted at this time that prior to this date these writers had developed information regarding a plot to assassinate a Miami banker, BERNARDO BENES. BENES is the Vice President of the Continental Bank of Miami, located at 1801 SW 1 St., and is a member of the committee of 75 who established dialogue with the Communist Government of Cuba and as a result has been the target of numerous threats.

According to information received from [redacted] Dr. BENES was targeted for assassination by alleged members of Omega 7, a Cuban Secret Terrorist Organization. [redacted]

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According to [redacted] the following subjects:
Subject #1 was identified as [redacted]

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According to [redacted]

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[redacted] provided the aforementioned information to these writers by telephone:

On Saturday, the 12th of January, the Orlando Padron Cigar Factory was in fact bombed and credit was taken by the Omega 7 Organization. [redacted] with the Omega-7 Organization. [redacted] DR. BENES [redacted]

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On the morning of January 13, 1980, [redacted] reported to these writers that [redacted]

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On or about February 14, 1980, writer #1 received the following information from [redacted] who stated that [redacted] to assassinate Banker BERNARDO BENES for his involvement in the Cuban Dialogue effort. As a result of the information, security provisions were undertaken and the apparent plot was temporarily aborted.

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On February 21, 1980, [redacted]
[redacted] to assassinate BENES.

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On May 13, 1980, these writers interviewed Latin male [redacted]
[redacted]

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Due to the previous rapport developed by this writer, [redacted] agreed to assist these writers in the ongoing investigation of Omega 7.

[redacted] It should be noted [redacted] involvement with Omega 7

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[redacted] was debriefed thoroughly and as a result of his direct involve-

[redacted] the following was learned:

[redacted] identified the following as members of the [redacted]
Omega 7: [redacted]
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[redacted] explained that knowledge was limited to primarily conversations
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[redacted] for Anti-Communist activities.

[redacted] was then interviewed for specific information on [redacted]
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BENES Assassination Attempt

[redacted] began by stating that [redacted]

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[REDACTED]. He explained that [REDACTED]
Banker BERNARDO BENES and that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] This information partly corroborated the information received by these writers from [REDACTED] beginning with January 11, 1980, February 14, 1980, and February 21, 1980.

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Murder of EULALIO JOSE NEGRIN, killed 11/25/79, New Jersey

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] but that he
assumed that was a NEGRIN murder scene. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] did not elaborate any further, he became aware of something that might be relevant. Though he has no basis for it.

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On or about August 1, 1980, writer #1 visited subject [redacted] at his place of residence and obtained the following information regarding the on-going investigation on Omega-7.

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Subject [redacted] explained that [redacted]

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Approximately two days later, writer #1 [redacted] with the information that was provided by [redacted] BERNARDO BENES. He accidentally [redacted] and later the same [redacted]

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On September 15, 1980, [redacted]

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It should also be noted that this information was also corroborated by subject [redacted] in one of the subsequent interviews.

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On September 11, 1980, Latin male FELIX GARCIA RODRIGUEZ- attache from the Cuban Mission to the United Nations was assassinated. Omega 7 claimed responsibility for this act.

On September 12, 1980, [redacted] reported to this writer that one of the perpetrators involved in this act [redacted] along with other unnamed members of Omega 7 from Miami. [redacted]

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On October 10, 1980, these writers received the following information from subject [redacted]

[redacted] stated that sometime in late January, 1980, [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED] PROGRAM; RICO.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES: [REDACTED]

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE
INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

ON JUNE 26, 1979, [REDACTED]

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MAVAPA. [REDACTED]

EXTRACTION. HE IS DESCRIBED

AS WHITE, MALE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MEY, AT THE CONTINENTAL NATIONAL BANK, 1301 S.W.

1ST STREET, MIAMI, FLORIDA, WITH CUBAN EXILE BANKER BERNARDO

OF THIS SAME BANK AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BERNARDO BENES WAS PROGRAMED
FOR THE EVENING OF JUNE 26, 1979, [REDACTED]

BERNARDO BENES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN CUBA WHO ENJOYS A VERY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP
WITH CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO. [REDACTED] BENES,

ACCOMPANIED PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO MEXICO
AND SITS WITH FIDEL CASTRO ON MANY IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS WITH

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VARIOUS CHIEFS OF STATE. [REDACTED] IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART
MIAMI, WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR SO, FOR SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO,

[REDACTED]
IN [REDACTED], THE SOURCE DISCOVERED THAT

[REDACTED]
MEETING WITH CUBAN OFFICIALS. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE ENJOYED A VERY CLOSE RELATION-
SHIP WITH FORMER VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ.

THE SOURCE ADVISED THAT IT HAS BEEN STRONGLY RUMORED IN MIAMI
[REDACTED] HAS BEEN IN SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, ASSISTING
THE SANDINISTA REBELLION AGAINST PRESIDENT ANASTASIO SOMOZA
OF NICARAGUA.

ON JUNE 22, 1979, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
CONTINENTAL NATIONAL BANK, MIAMI, [REDACTED]
BERNARDO BEWES, TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED SIMILAR INFORMATION
TO THE MIAMI OFFICE OF THE FBI AS IT PERTAINS TO [REDACTED]
BEING IN CUBA.

END AND I BY [REDACTED] REASON (C), DRD JUNE 27, 1979.

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RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HAD A SHORT DISCUSSION WITH [REDACTED] (LAST NAME
UNKNOWN), AT WHICH TIME [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT CORU HAD MET AND
DECIDED ON A PLAN TO ASSASSINATE [REDACTED] (LAST NAME UNKNOWN),
BENNY (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) AND [REDACTED]. SOURCE ALSO

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LEARNED THAT [REDACTED] (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) WAS PLANNING TO MEET
WITH AN [REDACTED]
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REMMTEL, DATED JUNE 21, 1979.

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[REDACTED] (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) IS PROBABLY IDENTICAL TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) IS PROBABLY IDENTICAL TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; AND IN VIEW OF THE INFORMATION IN REFERENCE
MIAMI TELETYPE, BENNY (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) IS PROBABLY IDENTI-
CAL TO BERNARDO BENES.

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FOR INFORMATION OF WFO, SOURCE LATER LEARNED THAT
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COORDINATION OF UNITED REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS (CORU)

[REDACTED] OO: MIAMI.

ON FEBRUARY 19, 1979, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS
FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT HE
LEARNED FROM [REDACTED], CORU MEMBER AT MIAMI, FLA. THAT

[REDACTED] IN MIAMI, FLA. ADVISED

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ON OR ABOUT MAY 31, 1979, MIAMI ALSO DEVELOPED SOME
HEARSAY INFORMATION THAT [REDACTED]
MIAMI CUBAN EXILE ACTIVISTS, AND [REDACTED] A CUBAN
EXILE ACTIVIST FROM PUERTO RICO, HAVE RECENTLY TRAVELED,
CLANDESTINELY, TO CUBA [REDACTED]

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ON JUNE 19, 1979, BERNARDO BENES, A CUBAN EXILE BANKER
AND PROMINENT PERSON IN PROMOTING SOME RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA, ADVISED THAT, ON THIS DATE,
HE WAS TOLD BY [REDACTED] THAT HE HAD
SEEN [REDACTED] AT

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[REDACTED] ON JUNE 18,
1979. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MR. BENES ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INASMUCH AS [REDACTED] HAS BEEN PRESENT WHEN
BENES HAD SPOKEN WITH [REDACTED] MR. BENES ADVISED THAT HE
WOULD ASK [REDACTED] TO CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE FBI,
MIAMI, CONCERNING THIS INFORMATION.

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THE MIAMI DIVISION HAD NO INFORMATION THAT [REDACTED] WAS IN THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT KNOWN IF MR. BENES WAS EXPLORING FOR INFORMATION TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] WAS IN THE UNITED STATES.

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ON JUNE 20, 1979, [REDACTED] FEDERAL SECURITY SERVICE COMPANY, INC., MIAMI, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT ON JUNE 18, 1979, HE WAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE UNITED STATES TO CUBA. WHILE HE WAS THERE, AND [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] A PERSON WHOM HE HAD MET BEFORE AND KNOWS TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA. ALTHOUGH HIS CONVERSATION WAS BRIEF AND AMICABLE, [REDACTED] DID NOT DETERMINE WHERE [REDACTED] WAS COMING FROM OR WHERE HE WAS GOING TO.

THE SAN JUAN DIVISION HAS DEVELOPED SOME INFORMATION OF A PLOT TO KILL BERNARDO BENES [REDACTED] AND AREITO'S CONTRIBUTING EDITOR OF PUERTO RICO (AREITO IS A PUBLICATION SUPPORTING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED

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STATES AND CUBA). A POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN THIS IS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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WAS ACTIVE IN PROCESSING TRAVEL BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
AND CUBA.

ON JUNE 18, 1979,

[REDACTED]

TRAVELED TO MIAMI.

HE, REPORTEDLY, RETURNED TO PUERTO RICO ON JUNE 20, 1979.

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ON [REDACTED], INVESTIGATOR, SIU [REDACTED]

MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT, MIAMI, FLORIDA, ADVISED HE INTERVIEWED

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ASSASSINATING DR. BERNARDO BENES, LEADING MEMBER

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OF THE COMMITTEE OF 75, AN ORGANIZATION WHICH FAVORS NORMALIZATION
OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CUBA. [REDACTED] ✓

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[REDACTED] (U)
[REDACTED]
IN THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. BENES, TOLD HIM [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (S) (U)
DURING A [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BERNARDO BENES' ASSASSINATION WAS DISCUSSED. THE
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ~~(S)~~ (U)

DURING THE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ~~(S)~~ (U)
THE FOLLOWING INFO PERTAINS TO [REDACTED] AND AFOREMENTIONED
SHOOTING INCIDENT:

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY MADE THIS TYPE OF TRIP, WERE
ALLEGEDLY PART OF AN ANTI-CASTRO GROUP OPERATING OUT OF MIAMI,
FLORIDA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ON FEBRUARY 15, 1980, CAPTAIN [REDACTED], MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT,
MIAMI, FLORIDA, ADVISED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] IO DURING AN ALTERCATION OVER
[REDACTED] ACCORDING TO WITNESSES, [REDACTED] TOLD

[REDACTED] HAD GONE TO SEE HIM. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PLAN TO ASSASSINATE DR. BERNARDO

BENES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE UNITED NATIONS BUILDING. [REDACTED]

ON JUNE 27, 1980, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO TELL THEM THAT WHILE IN

[REDACTED] WAS CONTACTED BY INVESTIGATOR [REDACTED] OF THE
MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT. APPARENTLY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE PLAN TO BOMB THE UNITED
NATIONS BUILDING IN NEW YORK [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE LEARNED ABOUT AFOREMENTIONED

INFO THROUGH [REDACTED] IS SURE THAT

[REDACTED] MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT. [REDACTED]

IS THEREFORE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE STORIES RELATED BY [REDACTED] ARE

OF PARTICULAR INTEREST AS THEY SHOW GREAT DISCREPANCY. ~~(C)~~ (U)

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IF HE FAILS TO COOPERATE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO ASSASSINATE DR. BENES AND TO
BOMB THE UNITED NATIONS BUILDING. IT IS ALSO BELIEVED THAT

[REDACTED] AND BY THE
ANTI-CASTRO MOVEMENT AND IS KNOWLEDGEABLE REGARDING THE CUBAN
NATIONALIST MOVEMENT AND OMEGA 7 WILL BE MOST COOPERATIVE. (S) (U)

THE BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO SCRUTINIZE
AFOREMENTIONED INFO AND COMMENT REGARDING PROPOSED
COURSE OF ACTION. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE THE CONTENTS
OF THIS TEL TO BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE OF THE BUREAU.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (183-790-Sub A)

DATE: 11-19-79

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: BANCOSHARES

On 11-16-79, [REDACTED] who identified himself as [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the Miami Office. He is now working for [REDACTED]

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He identified his employer and owner of the company as [REDACTED] citizen.

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Continental is controlled by a faction headed by BERNARDO BENES.

[REDACTED] which he would like to turn over to the FBI.

He said he had information which he believes indicates [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] believed to be a Colombian Citizen. He said that between [REDACTED]

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He said he is suspicious of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was allegedly an employee of that firm.

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183-900 (Continental Bank)

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1-183-790-Sub A [REDACTED]

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It should be noted there are allegations (see 183-338 Sub O serial 1) that [redacted]

[redacted] stated that according to a list he had [redacted]

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[redacted] was also suspicious of a [redacted]

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[redacted] says that he has one or more sources in [redacted] which have furnished him with information of the above nature. He said he would talk to these sources to determine whether they would be willing to talk directly to the FBI.

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The writer informed [redacted] he might be contacted by SA [redacted] in about a week to determine if this source or sources wanted to be contacted directly.

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On July 22, 1983, [] was interviewed at the Miami Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) office, 3801 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida, by Special Agents [] who identified themselves to [] and explained to him the nature and purpose of the interview. He was also furnished with an "Advice of Rights" form in Spanish, which he read, stated he understood, but refused to sign. He agreed to the interview, but stated he would not discuss [] [] He was also furnished with a "Consent to Search" form for his apartment, [] [] Florida, which he read, stated he understood, and signed.

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[] advised he did not have personal or direct knowledge as to who was responsible for the bombing of the Continental National Bank of Miami on May 27, 1983. Although [] is not sure who are the persons responsible for the bombing, []

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by SA [] GRK AND GRK:egm Date dictated 7/28/83 Sub G-167

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EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JUNE 14, 1983.

THE FOLLOWING IS A GENERAL SUMMARY OF [REDACTED] STATEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE FORTHCOMING UPON RE-EXAMINATION OF THE TAPE-RECORDED TELCALLS:

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF MM DIVISION, REGARDING THE RECENT BOMBING OF THE BANK OWNED AND OPERATED BY BERNARDO BENES, WHERE A PIPE BOMB WAS USED, [REDACTED] STATED THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IT IS NOTED THAT A CALLER TOLD A MM NEW MEDIA STATION THAT OMEGA 7 WAS CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BOMBING AFTER IT OCCURED.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT ESSENTIALLY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] POINTED OUT THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] I.E. BENES.

NY AGENT ASKED [REDACTED] IF EDUARDO PAZ, A MILITANT ANTI-CASTRO
EXILE IN MM. WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMBING [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HOWEVER LATER ON DURING THE CONVERSATION IN OTHER
AREAS, [REDACTED]
STATED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REITERATED THAT [REDACTED] THE BENES
BOMBING BUT [REDACTED]

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CHANGED". [REDACTED] UNKNOWN CUBAN

FFICIAL (CONTEMPLATED VICTIM). PFO - CONSPIRACY TO MURDER -
UBVERSIVE. OO: MIAMI.

TITLE CHANGED TO ADD NAME OF [REDACTED] AS CO-CONSPIRATOR.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, ON APRIL 10, 1979, A CONVERSATION
WITH [REDACTED] AND MIAMI SOURCE WAS RECORDED UNDER
PROVISIONS FOR CONSENSUAL MONITORING. [REDACTED] TOLD SOURCE

THAT NEITHER RAUL ROA RODRIGUEZ OR FIDEL

CASTRO WOULD [REDACTED] ALLUDED TO THE

INTELLIGENCE PEOPLE AS A PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE GROUP.

IDENTIFIED ONE [REDACTED]

DESCRIBED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (BERNARDO) BENES, THE CUBAN EXILE BANKER IN MIAMI WHO HAS BEEN IN DIALOGUE WITH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT. HE HAS SEEN BENES [REDACTED] BENES USUALLY TRAVELS IN A GROUP AND [REDACTED] WOULD HAVE NO COMPUNCTIONS ABOUT KILLING THEM ALL.

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MIAMI WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON

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MIAMI AT THIS POINT DOES NOT KNOW IF, IN FACT, [REDACTED]

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THIS IS COMPLETELY ILLOGICAL, AS PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENTISTS ARE IN SYMPATHY WITH FIDEL CASTRO AND HIS GOVERNMENT AND ARE IDEOLOGICALLY OPPOSED TO CUBAN EXILE TERRORISTS. IF [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI PRIORITY

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GARMUR; PFO; OO: NEW YORK.

RE MIAMI TELCALL TO FBIHQ SUPERVISOR [REDACTED], SEPTEMBER 22,

1980.

ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1980, DETECTIVE [REDACTED] MIAMI POLICE
DEPARTMENT, ORGANIZED CRIME BUREAU (OCB), ADVISED SUPERVISOR

[REDACTED] OF THE MIAMI DIVISION THAT APPROXIMATELY

FOUR MONTHS AGO HE AND ANOTHER DETECTIVE INTERVIEWED [REDACTED]

WHO HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF [REDACTED] HAD BEEN INDICTED

ALONG WITH [REDACTED] FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WAS UTILIZED IN [REDACTED] MURDER.

FORMER [REDACTED] HAD ADVISED THE MIAMI DIVISION ON [REDACTED]

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FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, AT THE TIME OF THE MURDER OF [REDACTED] WERE ALLEGEDLY PLANNING THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. BERNARDO BENES, A PROMINENT MIAMI BANKER AND MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OF 75. [REDACTED] HAS LONG BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH OMEGA 7 ACTIVITIES. *FI*

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BASED ON ABOVE INFORMATION, MIAMI IS OF OPINION THAT [REDACTED] SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED. MIAMI IS AWARE THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HOWEVER, [REDACTED]

MIAMI PD, HAS ADVISED THAT DETECTIVE [REDACTED] HAS ESTABLISHED A CLOSE RAPPORT WITH [REDACTED] AND HAS AGREED TO ALLOW [REDACTED] TO ACCOMPANY MIAMI CASE AGENT, [REDACTED] FOR INTERVIEW.

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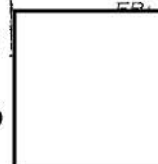
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THE HOT 100

They're hot, these 100 Latins. They're sizzling in the circles of power—some smoulder behind the scenes, others light up the sky. From the blaze of business to the incandescent intricacies of politics, these 100 have burned their brand onto the city's hide. It's an arbitrary list of firecrackers, of course, but includes those whose flame burns brightly in several spheres: social, economic, political, cultural. From the big 10—major suns—to the other 90 earthly bodies are individuals who, in their own way, are glowing in the Miami skyline. Miami Magazine has tried to spotlight the stars. Of course, we've had to leave out a few you'd want to include, but it's our campfire and we're standing by it. We welcome your adding more fuel to the flames, but this Hot 100 is spicy, sparky leadership on the move.



HORACIO AGUIRRE
Of Honduran background, old-fashioned owner and publisher of *Diario las Americas*; not a power broker, but socially prestigious and influential through his newspaper—when he wishes.
CARLOS ARBOLEYA
President, Barnett Banks of Greater Miami, civic activist, pamphleteer, with influence beyond the economic sphere.



BERNARDO BENES
Executive vice president, Continental National Bank; controversial figure within the Cuban community; outspoken, he worked behind the scenes to help free long-time Castro political prisoners; major advisor to national administration on relations with Castro Cuba.
GUILLERMO BERMELO
Vice president *Editorial America*, world stature publisher of Spanish periodicals; United Way leader; patron of arts; not an activist but mucho clout.



LUIS BOTIFOLL
Republic Bank, longtime Greater Miami Chamber leader, philosophical leader in Cuban community.
PAUL CEJAS
Recently elevated to the Big Ten through election to chairmanship to Dade School Board; an accountant; staff and resources available now to extend influence.



ARMANDO CODINA
Entrepreneur, investor; youthful and highly regarded, he ranks in the top level of Chamber leadership; idea man and implementor: in some quarters seen as perhaps too close to Anglo power.
RAUL MASVIDAL
A leading banker, resource for economic expansion, member of the Dade County Council of Arts and Sciences.



LESLIE PANTHIN-SR.
Insurance executive, earlier one of the most visible Latins in total community power structure; less active lately, but still regarded as major influence and important bridge to Anglos.
MANOLO REBOSO
Ex-Miami commissioner, challenger of bastions of Anglo power; close friend of late Nicaraguan strongman Somoza; key executive in *Nichols Morley's* real estate empire and currently holding a low profile though the punch and the network are still there.

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Puso Omega 7 bomba al Continental

Los Comandos Omega 7 en gran escala dentro y fuera, asumimos la responsabilidad, del territorio americano, como de la bomba colocada en el reconocimiento total de que Continental National Bank, nos encontramos en pie de cubil del traidor Bernardo guerra, luchando con los Benes, lugar desde donde se métodos y medios que sean han fraguado planes y diálogos necesarios sin importarnos secretos con el propósito los ataques que vengan de de perpetuar en el poder al aquellos que ostentan liderazgos tirano de Cuba y su amo, el gos seniles, ni de los repres imperialismo Soviético. Accio- sentantes de grandes intere- nes como éstas continuarán ses, ambos dirigidos por el

Hemos recibido las siguientes declaraciones de la Organización Omega 7 sobre el reciente atentado al Banco Continental y conteniendo, además, un mensaje para el pueblo cubano en el exilio.

mismo patrón, el lucro personal. Esos jamás representarán a nuestro pueblo esclavo. De todas formas, recogeremos sus palabras y tendrán respuesta a su debido tiempo.

Los Comando Omega 7 reafirmamos una vez más:

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